

Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan



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Preamble, Vision and Use of this Plan

Preamble

The Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan is a statement of issues, goals and policies meant to guide the future of land use in this County. This Comprehensive Plan is intended to recognize the expectations and rights of property owners and the community as a whole.

Community Vision

As a result of community outreach, a vision emerged that defines what people care about in Deschutes County.

The high quality of life in Deschutes County stems from:

- The beauty, bounty and richness of a healthy natural environment
- A community of caring people
- A strong and diverse economy
- Access to a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities
- The rural character of the region
- Maintaining a balance between property rights and community interests



Use of this Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is a tool for addressing changing conditions, markets and technologies. It can be used in multiple ways, including:

- To strengthen communication with the public.
- To guide public decisions on land use policy when developing land use codes, such as zoning or land divisions.
- As a basis for the development of public programs and budgets.
- As a basis for the measurement and evaluation of changes in the physical, social, environmental or economic makeup of the County. Modifications of the Plan itself may result from this process.
- To promote inter-government coordination, collaboration and partnerships.

This Plan does not prioritize one goal or policy over another. Implementation of this plan requires flexibility because the weight given to the goals and policies will vary based on the issue being addressed.

The Plan is not intended to be used to evaluate specific development projects. Instead, the Plan is a 20-year blueprint to guide growth and development